

Pandemic Preparedness Planning Considerations - Long Term Care



	RESIDENT ROOMS	PUBLIC AREAS	FOODSERVICE	LAUNDRY	EMPLOYEES
Phase 1- Low risk of human cases	<p>Follow Current Procedures</p> <p>Note: Nursing home and other long term care residents may be at greater risk for complications of influenza and other diseases, therefore aggressive infection control measures are warranted.</p>				
Phase 2 - Higher risk of human cases	<p>Follow Current Procedures</p>				
Phase 3- No or very limited human-to-human transmission	<p>Follow current procedures. Assess your preparedness status and collaborate with vendor partners on response readiness. CDC's Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist may be useful- http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/pdf/LongTermCare.pdf. Evaluate facility usage, lead times and stock shelf life and their impact on ordering supplies. Identify essential employees and visiting vendors. Reinforce hand hygiene and cough etiquette.</p> <p>Begin employee training regarding infection control, essential employee status, PPE use and communicate Influenza Control Procedures .</p>				
Phase 4 - Evidence of significant human-to-human transmission (localized)	<p>Follow Phase 6 procedures in impacted areas.</p> <p>Consider ordering any supplies needed for possible pandemic, including additional cleaning, sanitation and PPE. Finalize and educate all associates on Influenza Control Procedures.</p>				
Phase 5 - Evidence of significant human-to-human transmission (regional)	<p>Follow Phase 6 procedures in impacted areas.</p> <p>Reinforce procedural training.</p> <p>Maintain inventory as needed.</p>				
	Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer.	Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer.	Review inventory and orders for take-out/non-dining room menu.	Follow current protocol.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closely monitor employee health. • Educate and inform all employees of pandemic status and proper infection control procedures. • Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer. • Reinforce personal hygiene and educate on proper infection control procedures.
Phase 6 - Efficient and sustained human-to-human transmission (global)	<p>Follow local public health recommendations related to local activity and need for isolation.</p> <p>Consider offering masks for symptomatic visitors.</p> <p>Limit face-to-face contact between employees, customers, and vendors and modify practices (e.g. hand shakes, work station layout, etc.).</p>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stock facility with alcohol-based hand sanitizers. • Provide masks as directed for employees and infected individuals. • Provide personal hygiene materials such as tissues, hand sanitizer, properly registered RTU disinfectant spray or wipes with flu claims. • Room cleaning should be performed at a frequency to minimize spread of flu and employee risk. • Isolate symptomatic patients and follow public health recommendations for infection control.*Examples of public health guidance. CDC- www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/longtermcare.htm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase cleaning and disinfection frequency especially for hand contact areas such as door handles, stair rails, elevator buttons, escalator rails, light switches, etc. • Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizers in all public areas. • Public restrooms deep cleaned per infection control protocol • Consider limiting all non-essential visitors; restrict entry of symptomatic visitors or those who have been exposed. Post signs regarding restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider closing non essential public gathering areas. • Diligently practice food safety procedures, especially the potential for cross contamination or contamination by infected individual. • Reduce staff to essential employees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the high level influenza control procedures to collect laundry. • Follow standard procedures for washing and drying. www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/enviro/guide.htm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closely monitor employee health. • Provide PPE when warranted. • Educate and inform all employees of pandemic status and proper infection control procedures. • Reinforce personal hygiene and educate on proper infection control procedures. • Clean and disinfect common staff areas hourly.